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SUBJ: BIO INFORMATION: EMILIO CALDERON PUIG, MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. EMILIO CALDERON PUIG, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HAS BEEN NAMED MEXICO'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA. HE REPLACES ARTURO LOPEZ DE ORTIGOSA.

2. BORN IN ALVARO OBREGON, TABASCO ON NOVEMBER 19, 1910, CALDERON STUDIED AT THE COLEGIO MILITAR DE MEXICO (MILITARY COLLEGE OF MEXICO) THE ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE COMERICO Y ADMINISTRACION (HIGHER SCHOOL OF COMMERCE AND ADMINISTERATION), AND THE COLEGIO DEL ESTADO DE PUEBLA (COLLEGE OF THE STATE OF PUEBLA). UPOM COMPLETION OF HIS STUDIES, HE SERVED AS A CAVALARY OFFICER IN THE MEXICAN ARY. CALDERON ENTERED THE MEXICAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1934 AND WAS FIRST ASSIGNED AS A VICE CONSUL TO GUATEMALA. HE ALSO SERVED AS VICE CONSUL IN SALT LAKE CITY, DENEVER, AND SAN FRANCISCO, AND WAS THIRD SECRETARY AT THE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. CALDERON MOVED UP THROUGH THE RANKS DURING ASSIGNMENTS IN HONDURAS, COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA, LONDON, AND SWITZERLAND. HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR IN 1959 AND HAS ALSO SERVED AS MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO LUXEMBOURG AND BELGIUM. PORTUAL, AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

3. CALDERON HAS VAST EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS REPRESENTED MEXICO AT FOUR SESSIONS OF THE UN GENEALY ASSEMBLY AND AT SEVERAL MEETINGS OF THE UN
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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN 1962 HE ACCOMPANIED FOREIGN

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MINISTER MANUEL TELLO TO THE 18-NATION DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. CALDERON HAS ALSO REPRESENTED MEXICO IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THAT ORGANIZATION IN 1957-58, AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD IN 1964. HE IS PRE-SETLY A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LABOR STUDIES. CALDERON HAS ALSO SERVED TAS MEXICO'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA. IN 1964, HE WAS APPOINTED SECOND UNDER SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY (THE THIRD RANKING POSITION IN THE MINISTRY), AN OFFICE WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS THS FOCAL POINT FOR THE FORMATION OF MEXICO'S POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. CALDERON IS FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE TOWARDS THE US AND AT AN ILO CONFERENCE IN 1955, HE VIGOROUSLY REFUTED A SOVIET CHARGE OF FORCED MEXICAN "WETBACK" LABOR IN THE US. HE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS A LEFTIST, HOWEVER, AND, AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN MANAGUA IN 1944, HE INCURRED THE DISPLEASURE OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA BY OFFERING ASYLUM TO MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION.

5. CALDERON IS DESCRIED AS "DIGNIFIED" AND "FORMAL IN BEARING", BUT IS KNOWN TO BE RELATIVELY EASY-GOING, WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH WELL. CALDERON AND HIS WIFE, THE FORMER MARGARITA VARELA, HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN, INCLUDING TWO SONS, CARLOS AND EMILIO. CALDERON HAS BEEN AWARDED THE MEXICAN DECORATION, AL MERITO MILITAR AND IN 1959 WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A SPECIAL AWARD COMMEMORATING HIS 25 YEARS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE.
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